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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SEOUL FOR ROEHM

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMS

REFS: (A) TAIPEI 484; (B) TAIPEI 454; (C) SEOUL 481;
(D) ROEHM LETTER TO BROUGHAM, JAN. 18, 1977

1. SINCE RECEIPT OF REF B, THE DEPT HAS BEEN RE-EXAMIN-
ING THE QUESTION OF REIMBURSABLE PROGRAMS FOR TAIWAN.
FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS WE DO NOT FEEL IT APPROPRIATE
TO UNDERTAKE ANY NEW AID RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA, INCLUDING THE PROPOSED REIMBURSABLE TECHMICAL
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ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

2. FROM DETAILS PROVIDED REF D, IT IS APPARENT SOME
GROUNDWORK FOR THIS PROGRAM WAS ALREADY PREPARED BY DR.
ROEHM IN TAIWAN; HOWEVER, WE REGRET THAT THIS MUST BE PUT
ASIDE. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ABOVE POLICY, DR. ROEHM

SHOULD REFRAIN FROM FUTURE OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO TAIWAN AND
END HIS CONTACTS WITH GROC OFFICIALS AS GRACEFULLY AS
POSSIBLE. WHEREVER POSSIBLE EXISTING PROPOSALS SHOULD BE
ALLOWED SIMPLY TO DIE ABORNING WITH NO EFFORT AT FURTHER
OFFICIAL CONTACT. WHERE CORRESPONDENCE IS NECESSARY,
DR. ROEHM SHOULD ROUTE THIS THROUGH EMBASSY TAIPEI,

ENABLING THE EMBASSY TO ASSIST AND ADVISE HIM.

3. SHOULD EITHER ROEHM OR EMBASSY TAIPEI BE CONTACTED
BY ROC OFFICIALS CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT, THEY MAY STATE
THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN PREEMPTED BY OTHER PRIORITIES
AND THAT NEW PROSPECTS ARE NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED.

4. FOR DR. ROEHM: WE APPRECIATE AND ARE VERY MUCH
IMPRESSED WITH YOUR EFFORTS BUT OVERALL POLICY CONSIDERA-
TIONS REQUIRE THE ABOVE COURSE OF ACTION.
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